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Know Your Foreman



Stanley Bagdon

Stanley Bagdon joined the Company in the Networks and Industrial Oils laboratories of Research and Engineering in 1943, after working for several other firms connected with the radio industry.

In 1955 he was made foreman of the Networks Department on Brown Street, and now is foreman of the Sandia and Hi-Quality Lines.

He was born in Philadelphia and attended schools in New York City. He and his wife Annette have four children, three girls, and a boy, Stanley, Jr., who works in the Research and Engineering laboratory on Beaver Street. The Bagdons make their home at 44 Millard Avenue, this city.

Stan enjoys sports, especially fishing and hunting large game. One of his more humorous tales on the latter subject concerns the time he was out hunting and came upon bear tracks. Naturally, he had to follow them, and before thinking a little about the surrounding country, set out for his

Sprague Exhibit at Adams Trade Show



In order to better acquaint employees and their families with the Company products, a display was set up at the Adams Trade Show. Viewing this display is Howard Isherwood (left) foreman of the Plating Department, Beaver St. With him is his wife Margaret and children Donna, and David. (Right) Ray Favreau, Tin Shop and his wife Eva who works in Ceramics, looking at a display of Sprague components used in an electronic flash.



Robert C. Sprague, Jr.
Awarded Sloan Fellowship

Announcement has been made that Robert C. Sprague, Jr., Director of the Employee and Community Relations Division and Director of Flight Operations, has been awarded a Sloan Fellowship for a year's study at Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a candidate for a Master of Science Degree.

The Sloan Fellowships, established by grants from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Inc., have been made annually since the 1930's to outstanding young business executives selected from all parts of the country. This year's group of Fellows numbers 36. These men will attend the Executive Development Program at MIT from June 1957 to June 1958. After completion of the course, these men will return to their companies knowing more thoroughly how the demands of production, industrial relations, marketing and financial control all fit into a total operation. They will be able to make decisions that affect seemingly unrelated aspects of the organization and will understand the point of view of men in other industries and in government with whom they must deal.

The course is divided into three periods and runs for twelve months starting in June. For the most part, the men will follow a common course of study; however, for those who desire, the course work can be arranged to meet the requirements for a Master of Science Degree in Industrial Management. Candidates for this degree must complete an individual study of a significant management program and present it as a thesis. Applicants normally move their families to the Cambridge area as it is felt that the wife should share in the husband's experiences while he is partaking in this program.

Mr. Sprague is one of four Fellows who have been chosen this year from the New England area. In addition to his position with the Company, Mr. Sprague is currently the Director of the Industrial Relations Department.

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Chamber Drive Tops \$20,000



Chairmen of the various membership and pledge Committees gather at the Four Acres for a luncheon. This was one of the meetings which were held to report on the progress of the "Keep North Adams Ahead" Drive.

April and May have witnessed a reawakening and strengthening of the North Adams Chamber of Commerce. The Board of Directors determined sometime early in March that the Chamber of Commerce was not accomplishing the job it should for the city of North Adams. They realized that there were three areas where the organization needed strength. One, it lacked adequate participation by members in committees for special projects. Two, it lacked the broad membership which would cover all segments of the community; and three, it lacked the necessary funds for the Chamber to accomplish its many tasks. The directors, therefore, decided to launch a "Keep North Adams Ahead" drive to correct these deficiencies and turn the Chamber into a strong community organization. Earl Smith Associates, Inc., professional consultants, were hired for a year to aid the local directors in the

rejuvenation of this local Chamber and sent Donald Anderson to North Adams to work with the Chamber full-time for five weeks. Mr. H. R. James Hewat, Vice President of the Strong-Hewat Company, was elected chairman of the "Keep North Adams Ahead" drive.

A detailed study of the organization's situation and the needs of the community was undertaken. It was decided that the Chamber should work earnestly to improve North Adams by attacking and accomplishing some twenty tasks, of which the top five are:—to develop and promote a program to "Sell North Adams" as a place to locate industry, as a retail, professional, service and vacation center, and as a place in which to live; to promote the industrial development of North Adams by using all practical means to bring more industries here and by cooperation with existing industries, large and small, so that they will continue to grow and prosper and provide a high level of stable employment; to expand the program to develop good inter-community and rural-urban relations and seek to bring the people of our area together to work unitedly on mutual problems and affairs; to publicize the advantages of North Adams by publication and distribution of literature, by advertising in all practical media, by highway signs and any other effective advertising and promotion means and to develop and promote community-wide events of special interest which will bring people to our community.

The drive itself has consisted of an expanded membership drive and fund raising campaign. All interested groups in town have been contacted, have taken part in group conferences and have seen a movie on the importance of the Chamber of Commerce. The movie brings out one important fact about the Chamber and the community and that is by stating that the most important word in community is "unity", and the most important letters in unity are UNI. This has been the spirit of the drive which just ended. All segments of the community have joined together to improve the Chamber. This drive has had a very beneficial effect on North Adams. Not only will the Chamber reach its goal in membership and pledges, but the whole community has become aware that North Adams is a good place to work and live. Civic pride has increased and people are willing to work to "Keep North Adams Ahead".

The Sprague Electric Company has also taken an active part in this project and will continue to support whole-heartedly the work of the Chamber for it is only through a healthy community that North Adams and your Company can remain strong.

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Editorial . . .

The Million-Dollar Lathe

(From the Cleveland "Plain Dealer")

Thompson Products, for the 18th year, has continued its commendable custom of furnishing its employees with a simple, concise report of its financial operations, showing how much money the Company took in and what happened.

The income for 1956 totaled \$306,508,120. Expenses, not including wages, salaries or dividends, were \$175,535,061, leaving \$130,973,059 to be divided among employees and stockholders. Of this amount, \$117,960,454 went for payrolls, \$4,183,905 was paid out in dividends and \$8,828,701 was plowed back into the business.

Why was it necessary to plow that much back into the business? The tale of the million-dollar turret lathe, included in the report, explains that.

It seems that in 1942, the Company bought a lathe for \$12,000. Under federal tax laws, it was permitted to depreciate the cost of the lathe over a 14-year period. So, last year, when the lathe became obsolete, the Company had \$12,000 to buy a new one, plus \$1,000, which was the resale value of the old one. The story continues:

"But the replacement cost in 1956 was \$35,000 for a lathe that would perform the same functions as the old model, or \$67,000 for a new one with attachments to meet today's more exacting needs.

"The Company had only \$13,000 to do a \$67,000 job. The difference of \$54,000 had to come out of profits, and in order to get that amount in 1956 the Company had to earn a profit of more than \$112,500 before taxes, because \$54,000 was all there was left after the government took its corporate profit tax of 52%.

"And to earn that amount of profit, the Company had to sell more than a million and a quarter dollars worth of products to customers. It took more than \$1,250,000 of sales to buy just one machine!

"Thus, while \$112,500 sounds like a lot of profit, we find, in this case, that the stockholders got none of it. The government took more than half, and the rest went to replace a machine so three Thompson people—one per shift—could continue working.

"This story is duplicated hundreds of times each year throughout the Company in the case of machines, large and small. This is why only a relatively small amount of profit is paid to stockholders in dividends, and why a large portion must be retained to finance expansion and replacement so the Company can continue to operate and employees can continue working."

This is something to think about when agitators scream about high corporate profits. No profits, no new machines, no jobs!

"R & E Speaking"

(Many technical expressions or announcements of new products in our industry crop up in our daily work and in the newspapers, which are not quite clear to the non-technical employee. The majority of us have heard them and may even use them, but do we understand them?

It is hoped that through this column, which is written by members of the R & E staff, that you as an employee will better understand the complexities and understandings of your Company.)

Solid Electrolyte Batteries

by Donald M. Smyth

During the past two and a half years the Signal Corps has sponsored a research program at Sprague Electric for the investigation of a completely new type of power source known as the solid electrolyte battery. The properties of such a device may perhaps be best illustrated by comparison with the familiar 1½ volt flash light cell. Into an equivalent volume about 5000 solid electrolyte cells could be fitted, giving a 5000 volt battery which could perform its required duties for a period of time at least ten times longer than the average flash light cell. Although this solid electrolyte battery would be capable of delivering only about 1/200 the power of the flash light cell, the long shelf-life and small size of this type of power source are of great value in many applications.

The solid electrolyte cell differs from a conventional battery due to the replacement of the usual liquid electrolyte with a solid, completely dry film of inorganic compound. In ordinary "dry" cells the electrolyte, which carries the electrical current inside each cell, is a water-based paste; in automobile batteries the electrolyte is a water solution of sulfuric acid. All of these water-based electrolytes tend to react with the active battery materials causing a relatively short battery life. This effect is commonly seen in a corroded "dry" cell. On the other hand, a properly chosen solid electrolyte has no such tendency to react with other cell components and the result is a device which must be ready for instant use throughout a twenty year period, the gain in stability is often worth the loss in power.

This new type of battery has potential use in some of the following applications. It can supply the voltage required by the detector tube of a radio-activity meter. The combination of a solid electrolyte battery and a capacitor can deliver a burst of relatively high power for a fraction of a second. The capacitor serves here as a reservoir of electricity which is kept charged by the battery; the capacitor can discharge very quickly an amount of power which the battery alone might have taken several minutes to deliver. There are a number of military applications for this type of "single shot" power source. If the power output of these batteries can be increased somewhat over that of present models there will be wide applications in such commercial items as hearing aids, transistor radios, and other transistorized electronic circuits.

At present it appears possible to construct batteries with the properties outlined above; however it remains to be seen if they can be effectively mass-produced at a cost which is competitive with alternative power sources.

This is another example how the R & E Department is working to develop new and better products in order to maintain Sprague Electric's position as a leader in the component's field and to maintain employment stability.

Names in the News

COMMUNITY SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

DONALD MULBERRY, Cost Accounting, was named a 2nd Vice President of the Northern Berkshire Junior Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. ROBERT SMITH, Methods, and JOHN PETRIE, Check Inspection, were named directors of the same organization.

WILLIAM KIRBY, architectural engineer, was named a director of the Berkshire Mental Health Campaign held this month.

ROBERT C. SPRAGUE, Chairman of the Board, was renamed a director for one year of the Employers Association of Western Massachusetts.

PHILIP TALARICO, traffic manager, was installed as president of the Berkshire County Traffic Association.

RICHARD J. MILLARD, KERMIT N. LAMBERT and DAVID B. PECK of the R & E staff presented a paper on "Wire Anode Solid Electrolyte Tantalum Capacitors" at the annual Component Symposium in Chicago, Illinois, on May 2nd. Mr. Millard is Project Engineer on solid tantalum capacitors and Mr. Lambert is responsible for special electrical evaluation of electrolytic capacitors. Mr. Peck is the head of the Electrolytic Section.

Through the United Community Fund and its many service members, we in the Northern Berkshires are fortunate to receive financial or medical aid as the need arises.

One of these service organizations is the Northern Berkshire Mental Health Association, Inc. When we think of diseases, we usually think of illnesses to the body and not of the mind. However, impairment of mental health is one of the most serious threats to well-being. Realizing that there was a need for some type of mental health care in the community, a group of interested citizens were appointed back in 1952 to explore the possibilities of providing aid in this area. In 1953 the drive for mental aid was given a boost when the local group was informed that the State Legislature had appropriated funds for establishing mental health clinics in the state with the stipulation that the money be used for children only. In 1954 a sub-committee on local psychiatric needs was organized with Dr. E. L. Freed of State Teachers' College as chairman. On October 8th of that year the Northern Berkshire Mental Health Association was organized, and finally in 1955 announcement was made that clinical service was to be made available for the communities of North Adams, Adams, Williamstown, Stamford and Florida.

Through the support of the State Teachers' College, which provided space rent free and through local industries who contributed time and equipment to partitioning the large room into three offices, a play-therapy room and a reception room, the clinic was finally launched in October of 1955 with Dr. Earl O. Brown, Jr. as director and Mr. Anthony J. Virgilio as psychiatric social worker.

This service organization is one of many under the United Community Fund which provide aid to the needy in our community. Through state funds and the generous contributions of all in this community, there is an established mental health clinic for school-aged children at the North Adams Teachers' College which is open year-round on a daily basis from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This organization has been established for your benefit. If you need help for your children, it is urged that you take advantage of these facilities.

FAREWELL TO TOBY!

The editorial staff and all the LOG reporters would like to take this opportunity to wish Rose Marie Curran, better known as Toby, the best of happiness in her future undertakings.

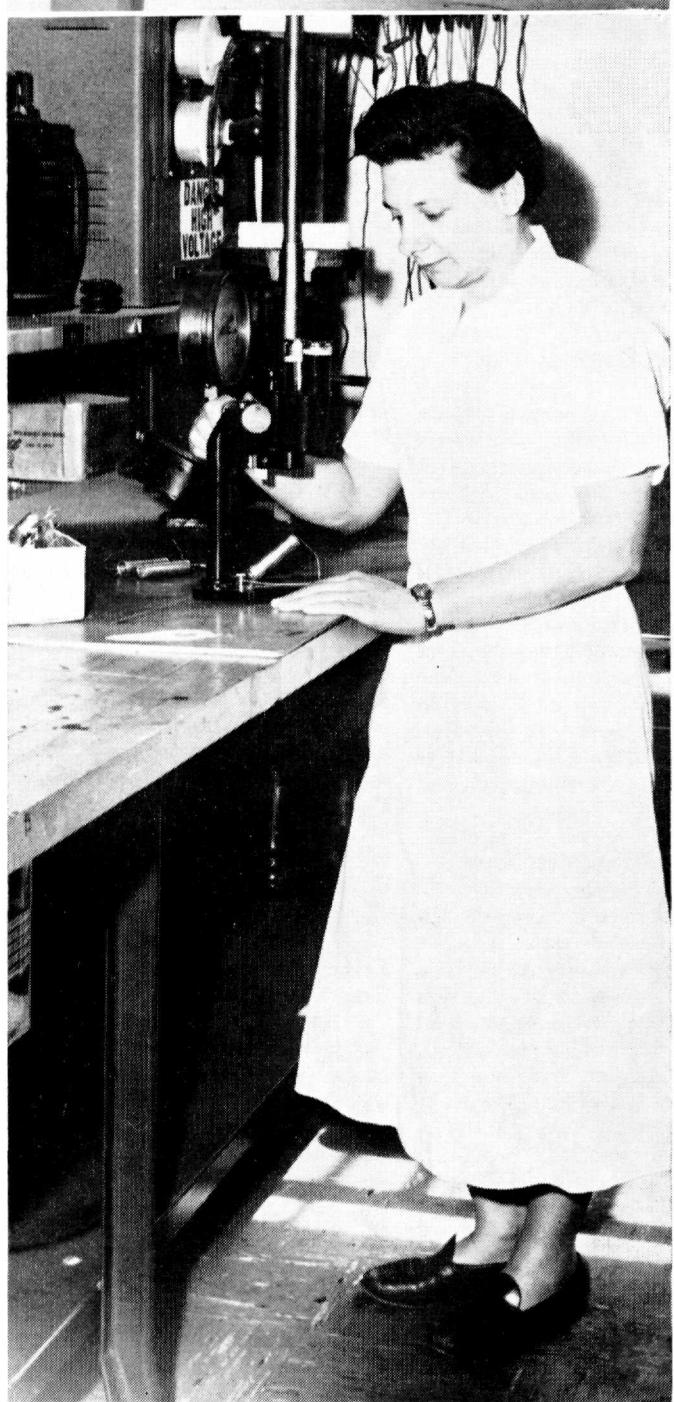
Toby has been associated with the LOG for the past four years. During that time she has endeared herself to all who have had business with the paper. Through her effort she has steadily worked to make the LOG a better employee publication.

Mrs. Curran has left the employ of the Company to devote her full time to her expectant baby.

Introducing "Miss May"



This pretty Miss is Helen Geary, who works in Pulse Transformers, Beaver Street. Helen is an Adams resident whose hobbies include reading, dancing and swimming. From the look on her face the fishing must have been very good. Perhaps you other Sprague fishermen should ask her for advice.



Women in Research

"A woman's place is in the home" has become an outdated and bygone phrase within the past two decades. Woman has proven that besides being the more capable sex in the home, she can also take her place next to her male counterpart in the business and industry fields.

The major change came about during the second World War, when more help was required in factories to further the production needs brought about by the war effort. Since that time, women workers have steadily increased their number many times, and today great multitudes are helping supplement the family budget.

While the majority of production work here at Sprague Electric is done by women, it is not a too-well-known fact that there are also women helping swell the ranks of the Research and Engineering segment of our business. Of over some 250 Research and Engineering personnel employed by the Company, there are seven graduate women engineers, and 31 women serving as technicians, secretaries, or both.

To acquaint you with the "fair members" of the R & E Department, we have pictured on this page four girls representative of different positions women in R & E hold, and a short resume of how each came to be where she is today. One is a "jack of all trades", performing jobs both as a secretary and a technician; the second majored in chemistry while in college; the third, though her only experience when hired was high school, has raised herself to the level of senior technician; and the fourth is representative of the college graduate women engineers.

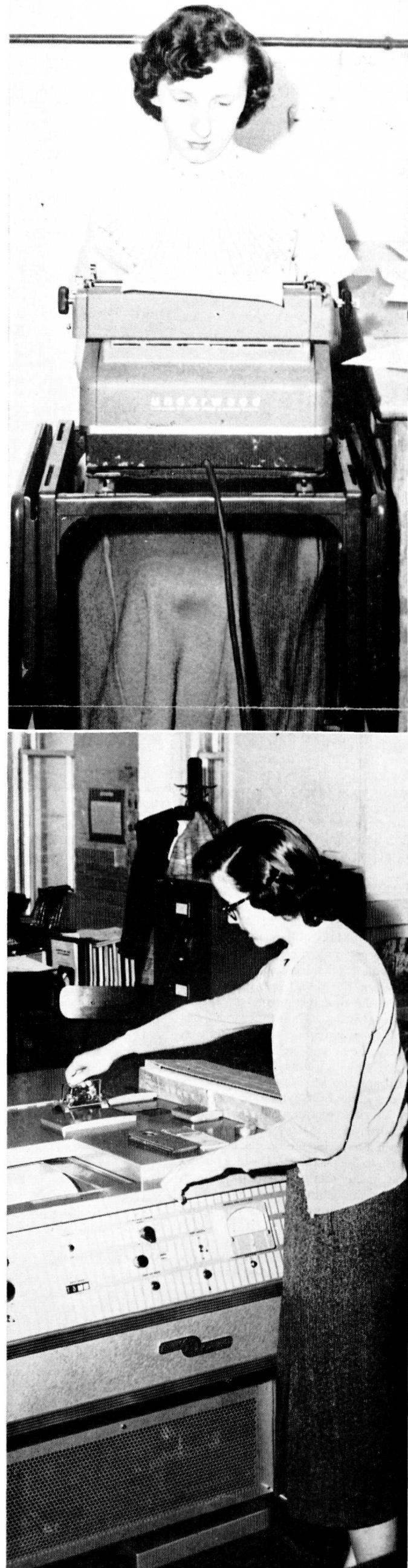
Read on—and become familiar with some of Sprague Electric's "Women in Research"!

(Top left) Marge Beebe is representative of the women engineers in the R & E Department. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College where she majored in physics. She has been employed in the Transistor Laboratory for the last two years and is the engineer in charge of material preparation and special products. She comes from Kensington, Conn. Pictured here, she is making a resistivity measurement on a geranium crystal.

(Left) Elda Russillo hails from Providence, Rhode Island, where she also attended high school. She majored in chemistry while a student at New York University. Prior to joining the Film and Tubular Capacitor Laboratory at Beaver Street, Elda worked for the American Seal Kap Corporation and the Pfizer Chemical Company. She is a senior technician.

(Top right) Marilyn Haley works in the Pulse Forming Networks Laboratory at Brown Street. Marilyn serves as a "jack of all trades" being both a secretary and a technician. Her job responsibilities include the normal secretarial duties such as dictation, typing and filing in addition to technical duties such as doing the weekly check on units that are undergoing a life test and also measuring the wave shapes on the networks. She is originally from North Adams, and graduated from high school in Brewster, New York, where she also has had experience as a bookkeeper and secretary. Marilyn has been with Sprague Electric for two years.

(Right) Carolyn Sweeney is shown operating the infra-red spectrophotometer in the major instruments section of the Analytical Laboratory. Carolyn is a graduate of Adams High School and came to work for the Sprague Electric Company directly after graduation. Over a five year period, she has been able to acquire the skill and training necessary to raise herself to the level of a senior technician.



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS . . .



Centrifuge Department

by Donald LaPine

Vacation time has arrived. Harry Emery, Jr. spent a two week vacation at home... Yours truly is all prepared for the opening of the Vermont fishing season, so be prepared for the "big ones that got away" story.

Dry Tubular Finish

by Marjorie Hauptfleisch

Sunny Cozzaglio brings sandwiches in by the yard. She certainly enjoys them too!... Several people from this department attended Mary Maruzzi's son's wedding on May 4. Carlo was married to Margaret Rocay, R.N. at St. Francis Church... Welcome to Ruth Edmonds after being out four months. Ruth has a nice baby girl named Robin Linda... Antoinette Bombardier's son Norman made his First Communion, Sunday, May 12 at Notre Dame Church... Everyone here's Minnie Les and hopes that she'll be back with us soon.

Small Orders

by Eloise Brown

Hope everyone had a very happy Easter. Yours truly went to Hartford, Conn., to spend the weekend with her sister... The "Dandies", our bowling team, of which we are very proud, had its usual wonderful time at the bowling banquet. All teams have a fine selection of girls who are very good sports and are fun to be with socially... Dorothy Davis is back with us once more after three weeks of illness... Anyone wishing to learn the Calypso dance, we have a few gals in our department who can teach you in 10 easy lessons... We are happy to have Leda King back in our department once again... Doug Brumma is back after a two weeks vacation...

F. P. Ovens and Cover Assembly

by Marguerite Daub and Edith Fields

Maria Maxmillian has returned from a very enjoyable vacation trip to Canada. This was about the first vacation she didn't spend being ill. It's about time they turned out for the better, Marie... Catherine Cooley has a 17th grandchild. Her daughter, Mary Foy, had a little girl on April 10th... Emma McCuen wishes to thank the LOG staff for the extra copies of the LOG which she received. It carried pictures of her grandchildren in it... Rita Clifford is back again after being out on sick leave and a trip to the hospital. It's nice having you back, Rita... While I was out, things got behind on our news so if anyone has any news they would like published, please give it to Edith Fields or me at Cover Assembly. Edith is going to help me from now on with the news from that department.

Quality Control

by Ella Duusmore and Louise Bass

June Williams of Rowe has joined the office staff. Her gorgeous red hair completes our assortment of hair colorings... Harold Tourjee lost a round to his office door and ruined a brand new shirt. The manufacturer didn't have to worry about the guaranteed collar on that garment... Congratulations to Joe and Anne Stawarz on their first wedding anniversary... We understand that Victor Modena has already caught all the fish from a certain river in Williamstown.

Bldg. 7 Offices

by Barbara Campedelli and Joan Paradis

A farewell party was given for Bill Campedelli, who has left "little Siberia" (Bldg. 7) to become Material Control Dept. Head at Nashua. The Party (stag) was held at the Heartwillie Lodge on March 27, where Bill was presented a leather briefcase and purse of money. The best of luck, Bill, from all of us in Bldg. 7 Offices... Dot Collier and her husband purchased Bill's home in Greylock. They expect to move in sometime during June. Dot is quite thrilled and can hardly wait until June rolls around... Welcome to Dave Monks and John Fillio, new additions to the Methods Department. Dave and John are students from Northeastern University... We would also like to welcome Bob Simon, who is working with Mr. Teeple's group and Floyd (Chic) Jayne, who has joined the Material Control Dept. to replace Bill Campedelli... Mr. Potter and Mr. Teeple are sporting Florida tans. Mr. Potter spent his vacation at Daytona Beach, and Mr. Teeple at Clearwater... Mike Pierce is vacationing at Mike... We were very glad to see Art White again. He spent a few days here on business. Art works at the North Carolina plant... Bob Purpura

and is pleased as punch for she is taking this time to move into her new home. We hear it's beautiful, and we want to wish her well... Many happy returns are extended to George Maxwell, Olive Pelletier and Josie Dean who celebrated birthdays recently... Congratulations to Olive and Alfred Pelletier who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary by going to Albany. They have been very happy and are still romancing... Congratulations to Ann Little who celebrated her wedding anniversary on April 22nd... Welcome back to Jane Dobbett and Nettie Murphy who have returned after being on sick leave.

Western Electric Misc. Drys (Test and Ship)

by Emily Wlodka and Ella Genesi

A cordial welcome is extended to the following newcomers: Emaeline Lescarbeau, Mary Haas, Eugene A. Lemieux, Elizabeth Berger and Rose Cantele. We hope you enjoy working with us... Early vacationers who spent their time off at home are Ralph Lewis, Oscar Babcock, Nelson Vacherau and Perine Betolati... "Gus" Jammallo, Louis Daub and George Lesage spent their time fishing, while Anne Kirby spent hers in Boston... We wish a speedy recovery to Jo



Gregory Marszalek who is in the Navy Air Force, stationed in Florida, is the son of Peggy Zepka of the Tantalum Department.

Frances E. Kordana, a former employee and LOG reporter, who left to pursue a career in nursing was recently awarded a scholarship for the study of cancer research at Holy Ghost hospital in Cambridge. Frances was reporter for the Round Midget Assembly department on Marshall Street while employed by the Company.

pleasantly surprised us with a visit when he was home on vacation from college.

Retail Sales

by Barbara King

A farewell party was recently held in honor of Patricia Welch on April 11th at the 1896 House. Eighteen of her co-workers attended. She was presented a corsage and other gifts... Also leaving us is Austin Harwood who is moving out of the city to Long Island. He was given a purse of money and all our fond wishes for success... Avelina King and Patricia Welch, Dolores Domenichini, attended the annual bowling banquet of the Rosary Society of St. Francis Church... Nancy LeBeau's son Brian recently won a first place trophy at the YMCA in all around stunts.

Purchasing

by Lea Walden

Mr. F. W. McNamara is nicely tanned after spending two weeks at Daytona Beach in Florida... The girls of the purchasing Dept. attended a dinner at Taconic, April 11th... Connie Novak is very busy these days getting her trousseau in readiness for her coming marriage in August... Emma Mutart, Lil Adams and yours truly spent a delightful evening at the Springs, April 23. The occasion was a birthday dinner for Dot Boutwell of the General Accounting Department.

Ceramics

by Ida Gigliotti and Lee Grillone

Louise Therrien is out on vacation

FRAN CYR

A pair of sturdy legs. A three-minute miler preferred.

JUNE CHENAIL

Must take dictation at 225 words a second

JOAN MARCHIO

Should be able to give everyone a hard time

HELEN GOODERMOTE

Must be able to type with both fingers and toes.

PEARL NOEL

Must have a black Cocker Spaniel and mid-Western accent.

DORENE SADLOW

Would help if applicant were tired.

BERNIE BARBEAU

A real good giggler should apply immediately.

MITZI OZOLINS

Must be good-natured, should excel in dancing and must be able to make delicious coffee.

DICK TASSONE

A night owl, too pooped to pop.

MILLI COHEN

Should be able to stand the smell of glue and be able to use electric drill for long hours.

JOHN LEE

Strong back and ability to walk long distances.



A 3C Donald Drawec is the son of Sonia Drawec who works in Shift Registers, Beaver Street. Airman Drawec is stationed at Amarillo Air Force Base in Texas.

Production Engineering

by Joan O'Neill and Barbara Martin

A bon-voyage was wished to Lois Michaels who left us for seven weeks to visit her sister in Europe. Her brother-in-law is stationed in Germany... Best of luck for Cecile Lescarbeau who was married April 27 and is now living in Hartford, Connecticut... Congratulations and best wishes to Dick Brike and Betty Lantco, both P.E. members, who have set their date for September 14... The wonderful spring weather brought out all the fisherwomen in the office. Some caught the limit, some lost their hats, and some got sunburned—but we all had a lot of fun!

Filter Development Dept.

by Julia Desrosiers

Several fishermen from our department enjoyed a weekend of the sport at Swanton, Vermont. Although a good time was had by all, few fish found their way into the frying pan!

The bad weather was blamed for that. Included in the party were Lou Vincente, Harry Duffy, John Mahoney, Ray Belding, John Davis, Bill Curran, Jim Blair and Bill Schink...

Everyone celebrated the ending of Lent by enjoying some of Ethel Murphy's good fudge... Belated birthday wishes to Rita Belouin and Ethel Murphy who celebrated their anniversaries in April... Our office staff certainly had another good year of bowling, and we congratulate them on the nice trophies they won... Play-

ers on the first winning team were Robert Hamilton, Don Ruthman, Harvey Goodell, Al Rondeau, John Davis; the second team, Donald Richardson, Armand Senay, Raymond Belding, Jim Flanagan, James Oldham and Neville Toye. The banquet was held April 25 at Petey Dink's, with Lou Vincente acting as Master of Ceremonies.

Sprague International Ltd.

by Suzette Lemieux

The April Fool Imp succeeds again. Myrna Harvey is sent on a wild mission for an "important" envelope which was not important at all... Contained only a minor item: a small harmless skull... Voted the jolliest gents of the season: the painters who did a splendid job in the hallway and in a few sparkling Sprague Products Offices... Bertha Richards' favorite nickname: "Snooks". Event of the month: the birth of a 6 lb, 14 oz. daughter to Nilda and George Putnam on April 16. She has been named Maria Cristina. Congratulations... Lost with no regrets, one appendix belonging to Don Harvey. Myrna, to help the process of recuperation, took a week's vacation on April 29, and the Harveys' main project was fishing and enjoying the warm spring weather... More about fish: Jack Sylvia's prize catch—a 15½ in. trout in the Deerfield River on opening day... Al and Rose Richard feast on it—Jack and Al go back for more... Jean Gardzina joins Richard with a new Spring wardrobe of her own, crisp and cool and special... But not for long because Rose starts her leave on May 3 to knit little booties full speed ahead. Our best wishes, Rose... Measles at Bertha Richards' home, thanks to her son Mahlon... Recovery was prompt. Two new toys at the Dupuis' (Jeanne and Berne, that is) a sleek black '53 Oldsmobile, and Jeanne's Captain Midnight badge... Welcome, Santina Segala. Sandy assumes Rose Richard's duties. Hope she'll enjoy the exporting business... A new puppy at the LoPrestos called "Ginger". Campanion for Marilyn's pussycat "Fluffy"... Jean Gardzina reports a casualty—husband Francis suffers gash in his finger. Careful now!... Twelve countries in twenty days—description in a nutshell of Mr. and Mrs. William Adams' whirlwind tour of Europe in March-April... Welcome back.

Shipping

by Cecile Trudeau

A personal and greenback shower given by her attendants, Peggy Jobin, Beverly Sherman and Carmela Trimarchi, was held recently for Nanette Trimarchi at her home. Nanette received many beautiful gifts. A delicious buffet lunch was served. Nanette is to be married May 18th at St. Thomas Church to George Wisnowski... Esther Chisoln's sister, Carolyn Putnam, is convalescing at her home following an appendectomy operation. Carolyn is a student nurse at the Pittsfield General Hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Filter Development, Coil Winding

by Jeannette Cody

Annette Daignault has joined our happy group, and we would like to welcome her and hope that she has a long and happy stay with us. By the way, Annette, it's all right to wear dungarees to work... Vacation time is starting to roll around once more, and Rose O'Brien was the first to enjoy one so far. Rose went to Boston to visit relatives. Time sure flies, doesn't it, Rose? Especially when you're trying to visit all of them. Too bad all good things have to come to an end, and you have to come back

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Hawks, Sprague Keys, Western Electric Cop 1957 Bowling Honors



Top honors in the Lab Bowling League went to the Hawks, who are pictured in the usual order, Harvey Goodell, R & E; Albert Rondeau, R & E; Donald Ruthman, R & E; John Davis, Captain, Filters; Robert Hamilton, Filter Lab; William Ellsworth, R & E; and Robert Petri, Material Control.



Sprague Keys, top bowlers in the Women's League, are left to right: Jerry Macchia, Personnel; Mickey Moloff, Executive Offices; Arlene Decoteau, General Accounting; Doris McPherson, Sales; Doris Harpin, Captain, Factory Accounting; Sidney Morin, General Accounting. Not pictured is Marilyn Haley, Pulse Forming Networks.



Western Electric took top honors in Men's Bowling League. They are left to right: George Shaker, Network Assembly; Bob Markland, Western Electric; Walt Wood, Western Electric; Dick Barbeau, Production Engineering; Ernie Johnson, Machine Shop; Eddie Ames, Western Electric and Miles O'Grady, Captain, Western Electric.

Sports . . .

by John Galles

The success of the three bowling leagues this year was topped only by the individual banquets held by the three leagues during the past few weeks.

Prizes and trophies were awarded for the different categories listed below and officers for the coming year were announced.

They are:

Laboratory Bowling League

President Al Rondeau
Vice President Harry Goodell
Secretary Harold Peters
Treasurer Don Ruthman

Sprague Men's Bowling League

President Joseph Lipa
Vice President Roger Bastien
Secretary James Valotta
Treasurer Gerald Lavigne

Sprague Women's Bowling League

President Gert Volpi
Vice President Ella Genesi
Secretary Gerry Macchia
Treasurer Sidney Morin

The final standings and individual prize winners among the three leagues were as follows:

Laboratory Bowling League

Pos.	Team	W		L	
		W	L	W	L
1	HAWKS	50	25	3	13
2	WARRIOR	46	29	4	13
3	LAKERS	38	37	5	13
4	CELTICS	33	42	6	13
5	KNICKS	32	43	7	13
6	BULLETS	27	48	8	13

High Team Triple String Total—HAWKS 1406 Actual Pinfall
High Team Single String Total—CELTICS 509 Actual Pinfall



Harold Shore, (right), R & E, is presented a trophy for having the highest average in the Lab Bowling league. His average was 96.1. Harvey Goodell is doing the honors.



Gertrude Volpi, President of the Girls Bowling league, presents an award to Gerry Macchia (right) for the highest average of 95.1. Onlookers are, Edie Jones, Metal Maids, who won honors for high triple with the score of 330, and Gloria Biondo, Western Electric, who won honors for high singles with a score of 143.



Joe Lipa, (right) president of the league, presents trophies to Eddie Ames, Western Electric, for high single, 167; John Cummings, (center) Inspectors, for high triple, 372, and Harry Saunders, Filter Lab, for high average of 105.3.

Outstanding Individual Performances

Performance	Name	Score
High Av.	Harold Shore	96.1
High Triple	Ernest Leja	333
High Single	George Olsen	128

Women's Bowling League

Final Pos.	Team	W	L
1	Sprague Keys	89	11
2	Western Electric	87	13
3	Industrial Oils	74	26
4	Metal Maids	64	36
5	Nicolettes	60	40
6	Mixettes	49	51
7	Dandies	46	54
8	Merricettes	46	54
9	Filterettes	44	56
10	I.B.M.	39	61
11	M.C. Tabs	33	67
12	Dry Rollers	23	77
13	Flat Midget Rollers	22	78

Outstanding Individual Performances:

Performance	Name	Score
High Av.	G. Macchia	Sprague Keys 95.1
High Three Strings	Edie Jones	Metal Maids 330
High Single String	Gloria Biondo	Western Elec. 143
Most Strikes	Clara Shaker	(West. Elec.) 10
Tabulating	Ray Bass	11
KVA	William Denault	13
Sprague Products	Harry Knight	12
Control Lab		6

Sprague Anglers Take to Streams!



The first day of the season brought many Sprague fishermen, both young and old, out of their winter hibernation. Pete Jeffers (left), Production Engineering, is pictured making the last minute preparations before getting his feet wet. (center) Mark Morse, whose brother Charles works in Metal Clad Finish, Tom Siciliano, whose mother Frances works in the Filter Department, and William Denault form a human barricade to catch the unsuspecting fish. (right) Ray Bass, whose father Ray, Sr. works in the Machine Shop, and Harry Knight try their luck under the watchful eye of Harry's father, Milford, who works in the Filter Development Department.



Individual Performances:

High team triple	1611
Filter Lab	
High team single	587
Maintenance	
Most Strikes	
Harry Saunders	30
High Average	
Harry Saunders	105.3
High Triple	
J. Cummings	372
High Single	
Eddie Ames	167

SOFTBALL

The Sprague Softball League began the week of May 6th. There are to be 12 teams competing in the League this year. The rules of the League are as follows:

- Only employees of Sprague Electric Company are eligible to play in the Inter-plant League.
- No player from any other league will be allowed to play in the Sprague Inter-plant League.
- Each team will carry 15 players. The team manager will submit a team roster before the season starts. Changes in team membership will be allowed during the first three weeks of play. After three weeks, the roster will become final for the season.
- Scheduled games will start at 6:00 P.M. with a deadline of 6:15 P.M. Each team must field 9 players. Players present for the game must be registered on the game sheet by the manager before the start of the game. The game sheet will be submitted to the umpires and score-keeper. Each player so registered must play at least 3 innings. Any player on the official team roster who reports to the game late will be played at the discretion of the team manager.
- All grievances will be presented through the umpires to the Executive Committee to the Softball Commissioner.

Good luck, fellows!

FISHING CONTEST

As the LOG goes to press we have only received one entry for the Fishing Contest. It was for a brook trout, weight 1 lb., length 14 inches.

From the Departmental news section, it is quite obvious that many fish have been caught so far this season. Thirteen prizes are being offered, and it pays every Sprague fisherman to enter the contest, for even if you can't win in one of the classes, there is still a blind prize. For the latter each entry enhances your chances to win. Remember entries can be taken to any of the sporting goods stores in North Adams: Bill's Sporting Goods, Jim's Sporting Goods, Center Sports, or Walden Sporting Goods.

to work... We wonder how many of those who saw the movie in the cafeteria recognized Mike (Speed) Morin. He sure can move fast when he wants to. Of course, he was going out the gate at the time and was on his way home... Virginia Delisle has finally gotten all of her Spring cleaning done. How about it, Virgie, do you want to be a good samaritan and help the rest of us with ours?... Thank goodness that Lent is finally over and yours truly can enjoy eating sweets once more. We wonder why it is that everyone seems to bring in the nicest candies during that time... We received a letter from Frank Stawarz who is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. He seems to be getting along fine, and it didn't take him long to find out that a G. I. party is not a party at all. If anyone would like to write to Frank, his address is Pvt. Frank Stawarz, Co. C, 2nd Infantry Battalion (Prov.), 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia... Congratulations to Art Cardinal and the Mrs. who celebrated their anniversary on May 9th. Hope you enjoy many more and have a long and happy life.

Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmela Mancuso

Slowly but surely, more of our girls are leaving our department. It's farewell and good luck to Irene Bergendahl, Gladys Moderski, Betty Goodermote and Claire Fitzpatrick who were all transferred to new departments... Fishing season is here again and our fishermen, Bobbie Barbuto, Jimmy Blair and Robert Johnson are out there trying their best to get their quota. We hope you fellows are entering the LOG fishing contest which is open from April 20th until September 30th... We all wish Betty Poirot, who left us to await the arrival of Mr. Stork, lots of luck and happiness. Betty was presented with some lovely gifts before she left... Vacations have started already in our room. Dot Brothers, Laura Benoit and Aileen Mazza are out on vacation... We wonder if it was a man or a mouse that gave Carol Busby quite a shock recently... Loretta Millette's son, Francis, was home for the Easter weekend... Just a little 'hello' to Frances Kordana. We want to tell her how much we enjoyed hearing from her again, and how glad we were that she recently was awarded a scholarship in the study of cancer research at the Holy Ghost Hospital in Cambridge. Keep up the good work, Frances.

G. P. Assembly

by Grace McConnell

The birthday club had a party for Alice Soldati at Florini's where she was presented a pair of earrings and a cake... A pink and blue shower was held for Eva Bushka by her co-workers and she was presented some beautiful gifts. The lovely spring weather has given everyone the urge to travel. Carole Barslow spent a weekend at Haverhill, Mass., and Hazel Russell went to Manchester, New Hampshire... Automobile races have started and our ardent fan Lorraine MacKay attends them every Saturday at the Riverside Track... Leona Charbonneau was a member of the Dennis Flowers team, in the Adams bowling league, which was awarded trophies for being champions for the 2nd consecutive year. A dinner was held by the group at Four Acres... Carole Barslow took a week of her vacation to do her spring cleaning... Dorothy King attended the wedding of her niece, Joan Lefebvre in Adams on April 27.

Filters

by Alice Monette and Marjorie Richer

Roger Brown left for the service on May 1st. If he does as good a job in the Army as he did here, he'll make out all right... Billy Currant is quite the fisherman. Not only did he win a

prize for catching the largest walleyed pike, but if he keeps on, he'll probably break the record for catching the most trout... Joe Morin enjoyed two wonderful weeks of vacation in the Bermudas—(shorts, that is!)... Hurry and get well, Alice Monette, we all miss you, especially your co-reporter... We also wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Buckley, Betty Fleury's mother, who was convalescing at the North Adams Hospital... That was quite a permanent you gave to Martha Benoni the other day, Ted. How on earth did you get it set so quickly?... Marie Lemoine and Claire Danis are planning to start a restaurant which they might name "Take a Chance?"... So long 'til the next issue.

Field Engineering

by Kay Ryan and Jackie Brooks

As we informed you last month, here is a review of the fashions worn by the girls in Field Engineering at the Easter Parade... Ginger Gallesse was seen wearing a new bonnet with fluffy yellow ears. It looked swell with the purple dress with yellow polka dots which she made herself... Marge Towslee sported a pink suit with "box" jacket. Wonder where she obtained the box to have such an adorable jacket made?... Clare Pedreini was mighty proud in her hand painted dress. We hear she did a beautiful job with it. Must take a lot of patience... Marion Segalla was wearing a green and white striped dress topped by a lovely leopard skin cape. This was a very good com-



Patty and Priscilla Jones, twin daughters of Ann of Metal Clad, Beaver Street, and Alden, Etch House, Marshall Street, recently celebrated their 18th birthdays.

bination... Della Tosh informed us she wore a genuine cord suit. She had been saving the cord off packages, etc., until she finally had enough to have the suit made. Sounds as though this must have made a very pretty outfit... We finally got the real dope as to what Alice Herrmann has been doing with all the stamps she was collecting. Her newest creation was a stamp-covered picture hat. Quite an idea!... Nora Scalise just returned from a trip to the jungles of Africa where she shot a zebra to make herself a new Easter coat. Sure is an original... Gloria Thibert had a real horsey idea—she was attired in a genuine horse hair hat to accent her pony tail. Nothing like going all out... Since the weather was so nice, Bev Mondia and Sylvia Richardello decided to wear the grass skirts and leis they had brought back from their recent trip to the Hawaiian Islands. Real cool idea!... Agnes Labombard looked quite stylish with her orange dyed rabbit hair cape and her new red dress. Very good taste, we think... This might give you some ideas for your next year's Easter outfit!!

Heat-Seal Department

by June Rock

Now that Spring is here, you will surely find Ken Suprenant working on his new wall. Keep up the good work, Ken. By the way, what kind of flowers are you going to have?...

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG

Agnes Jolin has a beautiful new yellow Dodge convertible. We all envy her as we see her ride by... Three of our girls have been educating themselves by attending night school where they took up typing. Keep up the good work, Rachel, Bea and June... By the way, Rachel Filiault, how does your TV set work now?... Anyone for rummy? Our card shark, Julia Cirillo, has been winning all the games... Don Esposito enjoyed his vacation at home. He took in a few Red Sox games. Our friend, Don, will be leaving soon for the Army. We will all miss him.

Watchmen and Guards

by B. Lomcto

Linwood Morse, watchman at the back gate on Brown Street, received word of the promotion of his son, George Morse, to the rank of Corporal in the Marine Corps. Corp. Morse is at present stationed at Okinawa... Verne Durocher enjoyed a week's vacation and planned on seeing some ball games.



Industrial Oil Final Assembly

by Dorothy Shea

Hi, everybody! I hope you all feel as happy and cheerful as everyone



Double Exposure? No, just the twin nephews of John Bradley of Western Electric & Misc. Drys, and sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clancy of Troy N. Y. Mother is the former Joan Bradley (twin sister of John) and worked in the Mica Department on Brown Street.

Washington D. C., during the Cherry Blossom festival...

Evelyn Ciempa to our department, and good luck to them on their jobs... We had a party for Claire Fuller who was married Saturday, April 27, and who was presented gifts and our own best wishes. Claire was given a special gift from Isabel and she hopes Claire has use for it... Our swear box contributions were used to buy a cake for Claire's party... Ann got a new '55 Chevie, but it seems that not everyone will go for a ride in it... That's all for this month.

Premold Case Assembly

by Florence Clement

Now that Easter is gone, our thoughts have turned to our well-earned vacations... Beatrice Gibeau spent a weekend in the big city of New York and reported having a wonderful time... Alma Fox and Eleanor Hall spent their vacations at home... Art Perra and Clint Germain are sporting a new fad, wearing a sun tan where their hair should be. Was it worth it boys?... Sorry to hear Beatrice Day's mother was in the hospital. Hope she'll be better soon... And we're happy to hear Sadie Mercier's mother is home from the hospital.

General Salvage

by Herbert Hafner

Spring and the trout fishing season are here and our fishing enthusiasts haven't had too much luck, according to reports so far... We were happy to receive a card from Charles Wilson, our former foreman, who was in



No not another set of twins! These girls are Bonita, 9, and Linda 8, the daughters of Al Palmer of Pulse Transformers, Beaver Street.

Washington D. C., during the Cherry Blossom festival...

Sandia Room

by Evelyn Jones

Well, here it is at last—what?—the fine weather we've been looking forward to all winter. I think it agrees with us, but I heard Helen Williams had a few complaints?... What's this Esther Poplaski? Having zipper trouble?... One thing for sure—we should not be caught without our umbrellas. We have quite a weather staff—Univac, the Almanac, and Pitoniak and Albozek!... Aggie Delisle is going to have to make more noise. She was gone a whole half day before Dot Baker missed her... Goodbye and good luck to Fred Windover... Hello and welcome to Louis Carpinello and his snazzy convertible... Mary Cooney and Esther Critelli received gifts for their birthdays from the group... Rita Zoito was on our sick list for a while, but we're glad she's back... Hello to Ceil Bouchard. Hope you are feeling much better... Did everyone see the gold dust twins—Irelle Garello and Irene Perreault?... Ralph and Emma Gould are gaining plenty of experience in cooking these days, so if you see a cloud of smoke rising over Furnace Street, don't be alarmed... Frances and John Pitoniak have been looking at a farm—potatoes, anyone?... Can't help but wonder—what does Betty Wol do to that machine anyway?... Laura For-

tin has returned from a trip to Washington, D. C... How about that—John Georgini with a Yul Brynner haircut!... Vi McClelland and Laura Roy look pretty content these days. Oh, for the life of the rich!

Small Orders and Samples

by Millie Connery

A farewell party was held at the Pine Brook Club in Cheshire in honor of Joseph Martell, who left us to enter the service. Everyone had a grand time even though Annette Hinkell could not find her steak knife. A dance contest was held and Sally Tallarico won a prize for her "Tango" while Annette Hinkell outshone everyone with her rendition of the Charleston. Helen Murphy had a lovely corsage to wear to the party, but left it in the refrigerator instead. It was so nice to see Madge Taft at the party, she is a welcomed addition. Joe was presented a military kit and was quite pleased with it, and promised to write to his co-workers often... Edward Clark visited Alice Beer the other day, and reported Alice, he hasn't changed a bit. Drop in to see us at work, Eddie.

High Quality Line

by Mae O'Neil

Welcome to our two new girls, Gladys Lampiasi and Della Pilling... The Easter Bunny visited our department last month and left each girl a colored egg. Thanks, Mary... Good luck to Jerry Cummings who is moving into her new apartment... Vacation time is here again as Kitty Bergeron has proved by going to Ohio to visit her daughter... Minnow Scieszka is burning up the highway to Texas for her vacation. Hope you girls both have a good time... Ann Fortin went to Washington on her vacation... Good luck to Lil Senecal who has moved into her new house in Clarksburg.

K V A Stockroom

by Acé Samia

Now that trout season has opened, many a fisherman took advantage of the fine weather and went fishing. Harold Brown reported the catch of six nice natives. Walt Kondej also caught three and yours truly caught a couple himself... Vivianne Nadeau looks very distinguished in her new eye glasses... Gino Luchini is all smiles lately. We are all wondering why, but he won't give us any hints. We'll find out soon enough and when we do, we will inform all of you fine people... Marie Dargie, her husband and children were down in Connecticut recently visiting her sister, and she reported that they had a wonderful time with the relatives... Harold Brown had his vacation, and we are sure Mr. Brown went fishing... Yours until the next LOG issue-Ace.



Shift Register

by Dot DeGraff

Rumor has it that Celina Gigliotti with all her winnings is buying a Dude Ranch for Valetta Kleiner now that she is wearing pants... Glad to have Julia Gregalas back with us after her siege of illness... Climb aboard the vibrating machine with Ronnie Dean to the rhythm of "All Shook Up"... Welcome to all the new girls in the department... As always, the bowling banquet was a great success and all who attended from the department enjoyed themselves... Lloyd King has decided to use a whistle to keep his group together these days. Has anyone heard it, Lloyd?... Delia Lilly had a pleasant surprise for her birthday when the girls presented her with a set of dishes... One of our servicemen

Ind. Oil Cover Assembly

by Isabel Witherow and Ann O'Dell

Welcome to Viola Levesque and

would appreciate hearing from his co-workers, A/2C Jack N. Burdick, AF 11305391, Box 1070, Det. no. 4, Fairbanks, Alaska. Let's write to our boys away from home!

Pulse Transformers (nights)

by Anne Sharron and Adeline Segala

Welcome back to Dora Cohen and Madeline Kaczowski. Congratulations are in order first to Janet Polak for her new baby girl, second to Theresa Parker for her new baby boy, and third, to Barbara Davine, for her "new car". Be seeing you at the drive-in theater, Barbara... Anne Mariani is in the movies now. Home movies, that is... Mrs. Caron's husband finally came home from the Veteran's Hospital and is progressing very well... Hey, Ann Zotto, you must be a rough "chewer"!... We hope Alice Dydowicz's pony has had its blessed event by now. The suspense is terrific... Well, between the chickenpox, measles, mumps, and colds, we will see you. Hope the fishing is good, Bina...

Small Order Surplus, Stock Area

by Rita Sullivan

We have finally moved from the old Beaver Street plant to the stockroom across the street, and everyone seems quite happy in their new surroundings... Mary Bator is beaming these days as she has a new granddaughter, Brenda Lee, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gayda of Cheshire... Hazel Martel enjoyed the Easter weekend recently visiting with her daughter and family in Holyoke, Mass... Josephine Rosenburg is counting the days until her vacation when she will visit her son in Parris Island, South Carolina. Kenny enlisted in the Marine Corps and will receive his diploma from Williamstown High School absentia in June. He was drum major for the high school band... Rita Fortin is looking forward to a rather lonely month as her girlfriend, Harriet Michaels will be spending her vacation in Europe. Cheer up, Rita, you can always pass the time away by trout fishing... Rita Sullivan and her husband, Jack, have returned to work following a trip to Hollywood, Florida, and other interesting points in the South. They especially enjoyed deep sea fishing off the coast of Miami, and Rita landed several kingfish and Spanish mackerel... Mrs. Margaret Dempsey entertained her son, "Buster", and his wife from Hartford, Conn., over the Easter weekend. She also received a telephone call from her daughter, Joy, from New York City that day... Ann Downey's son, "Pac", has returned to Camp Devens, Mass., following a furlough spent at their home in Adams. We are betting that Ann cooked plenty of goodies while he was home... Josephine Rosenburg and her husband, Francis, were chaperons for the Williamstown High School band when it went to Syracuse, N. Y., re-

cently... Rita Sullivan and her husband enjoyed the Easter weekend in Glens Falls and Lake George, N. Y. ... Anthony Tassone spent the Easter weekend in Boston attending the Yankee-Red Sox games. His next trip will be to the altar on May 18th. Good luck, Tony. We'll soon know who is going to be the "boss" of the family. We're betting on Linda... We are all wondering if it really is rubber stamps that Mabel Thatcher is so interested in back in the old department. I think we'd better do a little detective work, Mable... Leo Moreau doesn't enjoy Spring house-cleaning because it always means more work papering and painting. Cheer up, Leo, it will be whole year before Lorraine wants it done over again.

Quality Control

by Ella Dunsmore & Louise Bass

We all expect to be invited to Helen Bryce's next winter for sugar on snow at the rate that Billy has been tapping those maple trees recently... Ralph Blood has good reason to be proud these days. His daughter, Dayle, has been chosen "Dairy Queen" of the Stamford Grange... We're all sorry that Alice Senecal is on the sick list and hope she will be back with us soon feeling "tops" again... Now that fishing season has arrived, the boys are really happy. Walt Gould was especially pleased with that nice catch he made recently. All those fish dinners! Oh boy!!... Donald Clark

Some time ago, Florence Lefave loaned some pictures taken of her while in the hospital for treatment. If by chance, any of you who read this know of these pictures or their whereabouts, kindly inform or return them to Nellie Hewitt, Metal Clad, Beaver Street. It is urgent that these be returned.

Hi-Reliability

by Valerie Piantoni

We're happy to welcome Alice Albertazzi and Shirley Brown back into the fold after their recent operations... Belated birthday greetings to Claire Cantoni and Lorraine Girard. Lorraine received a gift and a cake from the gang... Belated anniversary greetings to the following: Alice Filip, April 29, 7 years; Dorothy Saulnier, April 29, 18 years; Tootie Choquette, April 18, 8 years; and Alice Albertazzi, April 8, 31 years... Thelma Bissall spent a week of her vacation recently visiting her new granddaughter, Thelma Hescock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hescock of Bridgeport, Conn... Harriet Michaels' long months of waiting and planning have finally come to an end. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Michaels and daughter Lois left from New York on the "Queen Elizabeth" on May 1. They'll visit Harriet's daughter and son-in-law, the Stephen Zdons, in Germany, where he is stationed... Dorothy Saulnier, Tootie Choquette, Alice Filip and Evelyn Luczynski enjoyed a weekend in New York City...

joyed her vacation by getting acquainted with her new nephew... Josephine Sikorski spent her time off at home completing her spring cleaning... During the Lenten season, our little group in BTA decided to try to be good, and as a penance, put their loose money in a little box. We're proud to report the sum of \$32.00 was collected and sent to Brightside Orphanage to be used for the kiddies at Easter time. A beautiful letter of thanks was received from Father Sullivan of the Orphanage... If anyone wants a beautiful polish job done on their shoes, see Rose Bombardier—she's the expert on it!

Misc. Paper Assembly

by Adele Solaro

Well, it looks like Spring is really here to stay. Everyone is already talking about vacations. I guess maybe we all have a touch of Spring fever. Another sure sign is the Spring cleaning that's being done these days... Welcome to Mildred Mirante who has joined our department. Hope you like working with us... I guess it's a little late for this bit of news but you see, your reporter slipped up last month, so not it has to be belated greetings. I'm sure we all wished Anna Malloy a happy birthday on April 10th and a happy anniversary to Arville Williams on April 15th, but here it is again—Happy Birthday, Anna and Happy Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams.



These fine looking lads are Gary, 4, and Brian Davine, 2, grandsons of Anne Davine of Dry Tubular Finish, and Yvonne Fountain of Metal Clad.



Little Dickie Pellerin, 1, son of Mary of Paper Rolling, Beaver Street, doesn't quite know what to make of the Easter Bunny—but it won't take him long to find out. Grandmother is Florence Gaffey, I.B.M., and Aunt Florence Gaffey is in Paper Rolling, both Beaver Street.

Block Annex

by Doris Williams

There is really spring weather in the air finally, and some of our sick folks are recovering. Spring Dean, daughter of James Dean has returned home from the hospital, as has Emma Busby... Grace Collins is still recuperating after undergoing major surgery... John (Herb) Williams, brother of Doris, is still a patient at Veterans Hospital in Albany... Note:

Paper Rolling

by Frances Miles

Well, bless our little cotton pickin' hearts—we made the LOG this month! The welcome mat is out to all of our new co-workers... Ann Urquhart and Gary Griswold were married April 27 and honeymooned in Florida. Lots of luck to both of you... Hank got a car and her driver's license too—and Jane Harding has a car too. Be careful on the highways!... Hi Che-Che—it's good to have you back... Doris Crawford is looking for some special kind of pills. What's the trouble, Doris?... Bess Turgeon has a new car—a little Morris Minor. It's so small we wonder how you get five people in it. Bess... Vacations were enjoyed at home by Blanch Mazur and Emma Pudlo... Mary Valazza has a few words of wisdom—why smoke cigarettes when pipes taste better? I don't know, Mary we're beginning to wonder about you.

Misc. Paper Finish

by Gert Noel

Maud Waska, Stephanie Kulpa and Edna Cwiertrniewicz enjoyed the first week of their vacations... Ray Guyette brought home five trout the first day of fishing season. Not bad at all!... Edith Scrivens has taken quite a razzing over her new hairdo. It's really cute, Edie... How do you like Frances Gayda's new smile?... It's hard to know who was more thrilled—Helen Harrington or her son-in-law Lionel Richard, who was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar on April 23. Mrs. Richard is the former Joyce Harrington who worked in Employee Relations... We all miss Margaret Accetta very much and hope things pick up so that she'll be back with us.

Hi-Reliability

by Marion Andrews

I know that the married women in our department will be glad to finish their Spring cleaning. Our old joints crack and seem to talk back to us when we have to use that extra elbow pressure. We'll be pleased when it's all over. Our desk clerk, Lilly Bush, is out on leave. Hope it won't be for too long, Lilly... Pauline Beliveau has taken over Lil's job and is doing fine... Angie Downs is certainly studying her drivers' questions. It won't be



"Yah! I know what the sign says, lady."

long now!... Congratulations to Rita Sorel. She is the proud owner of a driver's license. Rita didn't tell a soul at work that she was going to try for her license. Her face lit up like a Christmas tree when she found she'd passed the test... Congratulations to Chris Pugliese and Jimmy Brayman who have been promoted to supervisors... Frank James has left the shift to go on nights... Welcome to Bob Barbeau who has come to work in our department... Mary Konieczny enjoyed her trip to Arizona to visit her sister. We missed you, Mary... Florence Dupre spent her vacation in Bennington, and Alice Bonneville spent hers at home... One day, Alice Bonneville asked Doris Monette if she could keep quiet for one hour. They had a bet. Alice paid her 50¢ before the hour was up as it was a little too quiet... Belated birthday greetings to Sally Little. I didn't mean it, Sally, honestly... I understand one of Red Robertson's passengers was trying to cut her fingernails while Red was trying to get out of the parking lot. How did you make out, Jane?... Leah Gamache certainly keeps the girls up to date on their fortunes with the "wishing well" every day... Marion Andrews, an advisor for the Senior High Fellowship at The First Baptist Church of North Adams, is accompanying a group of thirteen high school children on a trip to the Eastern Baptist College in Philadelphia for four days... I hear that Marion Wabnig's son has a parakeet called "Elvis". That name certainly gets around... Jeannette Andrews rode to work for two weeks on a bad tire. Everyday she thought that she wouldn't make it. The day that she was supposed to have the tire changed, she just made her driveway in time for the tire went flat. You couldn't have timed it more perfectly, Jeannette... We welcome Margaret Bradley, Edith Jones, Loretta McDonald and Emma Alongi to our department.

Pulse Transformers

by Cora Ryan

Everyone enjoyed Easter a great deal due to the nice weather. Mary Roy especially. She was all decked out in her Easter bonnet when her 3 year old nephew turned the hose on her. She soon dried off, and a couple days later was very happy to see her brother James Leary and family from Alexandria, Va. It was the first time in four years she had seen him. The story goes you have to take the bad with the good!... Esther Sullivan also had a very pleasant Easter week by having her son Billy home from Holy Cross College... Those who have enjoyed vacations so far are Margaret Gutler, Jean MacDonald, Blanche Hebert and Leo Lemoine... We are all anxious to have Rena Dixon's mother home from the hospital. It'll seem good to see the smile back on Rena's face... This is the news Angie Carlton received from Tokyo. "S/Sgt. and Mrs. Tom S. Triggs of Tokyo, Japan, are the parents of a daughter." Mrs. Triggs is the former Sandra Carlton, and formerly worked in the Sales Department office... Welcome to Miriam Levesque and Frances Lipinski. Hope you enjoy working with us...

Special Products

by Nina Underwood

Gerry Shartrand sure gave us a big surprise the other day when she announced she had passed her test and received her driver's license. And what's more she bought a Plymouth to ride in. You really kept us in the dark about your secret projects, Gerry, but congratulations... Nina Underwood and husband attended the wedding of Valerie Holland and Allen Eldred on April 27 at the First Baptist Church in Readsboro, Vermont. Valerie worked in the Hi-Reliability Department after grad-

uating from Drury High, and Allen is in the Navy... Alvena Gifford was sporting the first sunburn of the season in Special Products recently after her visit to her farm in Hawley.

Metal Clad Assembly

by Edna Michalski and Audrey Burdick

With all the warm breezes blowing, Spring fever has taken its toll. Already, vacations are underway. How we envied Catherine Letalien her five week stay in Florida and Mildred Curtis her two short weeks... We are glad to hear that Barbara Campadelli's mother has returned from the "Sunshine State" as we missed her delicious pizzas... Lucky Rosalie Roy is spending three months visiting her family in Belgium. Ah, money!... Yvonne Fountain, Ronnie Sobon and Dorotha Sprague spent their vacations outshining us by doing their house-cleaning... Speaking of shines, we imagine Catherine Scott, Catherine Rysz and Alice Roberts have their husbands spending most of their spare time keeping their new 1957 cars glistening... Mary Blair really took Spring to heart by completely renovating her home and wardrobe. Cheer up, girls, maybe next year? Of course, if we had the money it's going to cost Margaret McClelland for all those phone calls received (collect) while her husband was hospitalized, we could buy a new wardrobe this year instead of next... Speaking of wardrobes, Patty and Priscilla, twin daughters of Anna Jones, recently celebrated their 18th birthday at a party given by their parents. Oh, the loot!... A warm welcome is extended to Blanche Uberti, Helen Berard, Marilyn Clark, Gracie O'Neil and Alvina Moreau. May their stay be a happy and prosperous experience. We have said goodbye to Edith Jones, Loretta Menard and Emma Alongi who have transferred to another department. Bruna Buletti, Joan Zappula and "Sis" Sprague are among the first to reopen the night shift in our room. We sure miss y'all... A mystery surrounds us—who are Audrey and Igor? Only one person has the answer—see Beverly Daignault... We'd like to welcome back Grace Duprea who has returned from a sick leave... Martha Zeppieri and Mary Cozzaglio recently underwent surgery. Hope you're both well and will return to us soon... A great big 'hello' to Edna Michalski who is taking 'Steffie's' place as a reporter while she is on leave. We miss you, 'Steffie'. Hope you return soon. It's much too quiet without you... See you all next month.



Guess Who? Taken quite a few years ago was this picture of Claire and Rita Poirrot. Claire works in Metal Clad and Rita in Pulse Transformers, both on Beaver St.

Mikuszewski, 10th.
May 12, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Morrissey, 5th.
May 12, Mr. and Mrs. John Malloy, 33rd.
May 12, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shook, 1st.
May 15, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Solari, 18th.
May 16, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, 1st.
May 17, Mr. and Mrs. James Dean, 11th.
May 19, Mr. and Mrs. Tallie Lewis, 6th.
May 22, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, 20th.
May 23, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schmidt, 21st.
May 25, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blair, 23rd.
May 28, Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacKay, 2nd.
May 28, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Rowett, 8th.
May 28, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marlow, 30th.
May 28, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Morse, 34th.
May 29, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davis, 21st.
May 29, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Faustini, 9th.
May 30, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lowe, 21st.

Baby Talk---

March 31, Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Harvey, Son.
April 1, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gardzina, Daughter.
April 11, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Monette, Daughter.
April 16, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferran, Daughter.
April 17, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lord, Son.
April 22, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Orell, Daughter.
April 23, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Powell, Daughter.

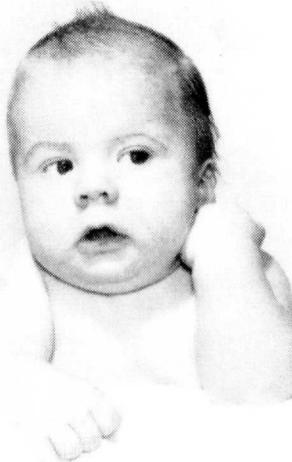
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Eileen Niles and Joseph Zavallato, Jr.
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SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG



7 months old Craig Alan Bush, son of Richard of Control Lab, and Marline of Flat Midgets, Marshall Street, doesn't seem to know quite what to expect now that he has a better look at the world!



Included in this picture, taken in Dunedin, Florida, are the sons of Mary Scerbo of the Filter Department. Pictured l to r, are Vincent Matranga, Raymond Scerbo, (former Sprague employee), Joseph Campadelli, Francis Savage, Romeo Scerbo, Bernard Scerbo, son of Romeo, and Bill Campadelli.

"I Do" Notes

April 27, Ann Urquhart and Gary Griswold
April 27, Claire Fuller and Ernest Roberts
April 27, Marlyn Anderson and Donald Gaffey
April 27, Pauline Boucher and Earl McConnell
April 27, Cecilia Lescarbeau and George Breen
April 27, Joan Jamros and Leo Fortier

Happy Birthday...

May 1 Lorraine MacKay
1 Betty Samia
2 Dorothy Bliss
2 Barbara Dami
2 Shirley Rarick
3 Rita Cooper
4 Marceline Poirot
4 Amelia Dean
6 Robert Stanton
7 Nellie Leazer
8 Helen Aliprandie
10 Marie Gattuso
11 Leland Buzzell
11 Pat Davis
11 Barbara King
11 Elaine Morrow
14 Bina Cirone
14 Ruth Edmonds
15 Jeannette Boucher
16 Barbara Campadelli
17 Colleen Phillips
17 Helen LeSage
18 Irene Pratt
19 Dolores Domenichini
19 John Sullivan
20 Margaret Gyurasz
21 Doris Andreatta
24 Lillian Goff
25 Anne Mariani
26 Doris Roberts
26 Harry Emery, Sr.
27 Judy Lewis
28 Linwood Morse
28 Lois Michaels
28 Dorothy Sprague
30 Mary Cozzaglio
31 Louis Poirot



Here's definite proof that Mrs. Lillian Bingham of West. Elec. & Misc. Drys got her limit on April 20th! and still had time to report for work at 7 a.m.! She also had the distinction of being the first one in that room to get her limit.

Robert C. Sprague, Jr.

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ment of the Radio-Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association and Chairman of the Industrial Relations Department Executive Committee. He also serves on the Industrial Relations Committees of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Associated Industries of Massachusetts and was a former president of the North Adams Chamber of Commerce; former Chairman of the Mount Greylock Tramway authority until he resigned to take on this new assignment; and presently holds the rank of Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol and is Commander of the Northern District. He is a member of the Major General Walter R. Agee, USAF, Flying Safety Committee. Mr. Sprague is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Business Aircraft Association. Mr. Sprague is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the North Adams State Teachers College.

Know Your Reporter



Erminia Sweeney

"She doesn't make many strikes, but makes many hits with people!" This sums up in a nutshell the personality of our Reporter of the month—Erminia Sweeney of Industrial Oils Rolling on Brown Street.

To explain a bit, the above statement was made by a co-worker of Erminia, called "Mamie" by her friends, and refers to her latest undertaking, the sport of bowling. Although a great deal of effort has been put into the game by Erminia, the profits have not been too rewarding!

"Mamie" joined the Company in 1942, first starting in the Dry Rolling, Western Electric Department. From there she went on the Navy line, and then was transferred to the Industrial Oils Rolling Department where she has been employed ever since. She is now an instructor on that line.

Erminia has been a loyal member of the LOG staff on and off for fifteen years—and is quite familiar with the "ins and outs" of reporting.

She lists crocheting, knitting, writing, and growing flowers as among her hobbies, but states that painting gives her the greatest satisfaction of them all.

Erminia was born in North Adams and attended local schools. She is married to William F. Sweeney, an automobile mechanic. The Sweeneys have one son who is an S/Sgt. in the Air Force. The Sweeneys live at 147 North Street in the city.

To "Mamie" we wish many more years of employment with the Company and as a LOG reporter!



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